



# Town of Groton, Connecticut

## Meeting Minutes

### Town Council Committee of the Whole

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**Mayor Patrice Granatosky, Councilor David Atwater, Councilor Conrad F. Heede, Councilor Rachael Franco, Councilor Rich Moravsik, Councilor Lian Obrey, Councilor Juliette Parker, Councilor Rita Schmidt, and Councilor Joe Zeppieri**

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**Tuesday, April 10, 2018**

**6:30 PM**

**Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1**

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**REGULAR MEETING**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

*Mayor Granatosky called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.*

**2. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Chairperson Granatosky, Councilor Atwater, Councilor Franco, Councilor Heede, Councilor Moravsik, Councilor Obrey, Councilor Parker, Councilor Schmidt and Councilor Zeppieri

*Also present were Town Manager John Burt and Assistant to the Town Manager Nicki Bresnahan.*

**3. Calendar and Communications**

*Councilors reported on meetings they attended.*

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**2018-0091 Approval of Minutes (Committee of the Whole)**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council Committee of the Whole meeting of March 27, 2018 are hereby accepted and approved.

A motion was made by Councilor Moravsik, seconded by Councilor Zeppieri, to adopt.

Mayor Granatosky noted a typo for correction on page 5 (the executive session ended at 10:23 p.m. not a.m.).

The motion carried unanimously

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*None.*

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**2018-0072 Project Labor Agreements**

**Discussed and Recommended no action taken**

*State Representative Joe de la Cruz noted he is a 30-year member of a local union. During the time that he has been involved with school building projects, he has heard that Project Labor Agreement (PLA) costs are 15% higher, but he feels that the Town Council should hear a presentation on the subject.*

*Keith Brothers, President of the Norwich-New London Building and Construction Trades Council, noted the Council's affiliated trades. A PLA is a pre-hire agreement between the trades and the owner of the project, in this case the Town of Groton. The selling point to an owner is setting standards for local and veterans hiring.*

*Jeremy Zeedyk, Business Representative for Sheet Metal Workers Local 40, presented a PowerPoint presentation on Project Labor Agreements.*

**2018-0064**      *Mr. Zeedyk responded to questions from Councilors.*  
**FYE 2019 Budget Discussions with Fire Districts**

**Discussed**

*- Poquonnock Bridge Fire District*

*Chief Joe Winski, Deputy Chief Tim Driscoll, Board President Ron Yuhas, and Board member Alan Ackley were present. Mr. Driscoll read a prepared statement about the Poquonnock Bridge Fire Department. Mr. Winski presented statistics on the land within the fire district. He then addressed some of the cost saving measures the district has undertaken and upcoming projects.*

*Mr. Winski, Mr. Driscoll, and Mr. Yuhas responded to comments and questions from Councilors.*

*- Old Mystic Fire Department*

*Chief Ken Richards and Board President Carl Strand were present. Mr. Strand described the characteristics of the district. Mr. Richards noted the growth that is occurring in the district and explained how the fire station is staffed.*

*Mr. Richards responded to comments and questions from Councilors.*

**2018-0090**      **FYE 2018 Fourth Quarter Transfers**

**Discussed**

*Director of Finance Cindy Landry described the request for fourth quarter transfers for overdrawn functions and unexpected expenditures over the course of the fiscal year.*

**A motion was made by Councilor Zeppieri, seconded by Councilor Moravsik, that this matter be Recommended for a Resolution.**

**The motion carried unanimously**

**2016-0256**      **Merritt Property Conversion**

**A motion was made by Councilor Heede, seconded by Councilor Parker, that the members of the Town Council, Town Manager John Burt, and Town Attorney Eileen Duggan go into executive session at 8:28 p.m. pursuant to General Statutes Section 1-200(6)(B) for the purpose of discussing potential or pending claims and/or litigation concerning construction of the middle school on the Merritt property.**

**The motion carried unanimously**

**Discussed**

*The executive session ended at 8:59 p.m.*

**A motion was made by Councilor Obrey, seconded by Councilor Heede, that this matter be Recommended for a Resolution.**

*The motion was to support, through General Statutes 7-131d, et. Seq., and DEEP, the addition of a 35+ acre portion of the King/Kolnaski School property on the western edge along Birch Plain Creek to the Boulder Heights property, as part of the transfer from the Merritt property of the DEEP conservation easement*

**The motion carried unanimously**

**7.      Consideration of Committee Referral Items as per Town Council Referral List**

*None.*

**8.      OTHER BUSINESS**

*None.*

**9.      ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Councilor Parker, seconded by Councilor Zeppieri, to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*